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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>No Evaluation or Source.</p> <p>.....In a more recent conversation with an Embassy officer Monsignor Kirk stated that Horia SIMA has subsequently been in Madrid several times, that he has had further conversations with Spanish officials and that, now in Paris, he has recently formed a new European coalition of Rumanian exiles called the Liberty Front. In this grouping are such old Iron Guardists as ex-Minister Vasile JASINSCHI and Major General Platon CHIENOGA. The Monsignor feels that this new organization, motivated by Iron Guardists, will further split the already badly divided refugees, although it is making an appeal to patriotic Rumanians to work together for the eventual liberation of Rumania. An interesting aspect of this new grouping, according to the Monsignor, is that it claims the approval of United States authorities in Germany. As of possible interest in this connection, the Monsignor also commented that Major General Charles A. WILLOUGHBY (U.S.A., Ret.), now in Spain on a lengthy visit, (Embassy despatch 870, February 26) has been actively encouraging a more positive attitude on the part of all eastern European refugee groups. The Embassy gathers that Monsignor Kirk, while he is certainly not in sympathy with the intrigues and objectives of the Iron Guardists, is also not very sympathetic to the Rumanian National Committee in New York, which he feels is neither representative nor national. He does feel, aside from personal ideological considerations, that Rumanian exiles like Prince NICOLAS, brother of ex-King CAROL, Horia SIMA and other Iron Guardists have a following in Rumania and that they are a force to be reckoned with.</p> <p>Perhaps as a consequence of Horia SIMA'S visits to Madrid, Monsignor Kirk recently informed the Embassy that a small number of former Rumanian Army officers had been incorporated into the Spanish Army. A project of Prince NICOLAE, the plan includes the recruitment of not only officers but also Rumanian enlisted men from among Rumanian refugees in western Europe. Such personnel wear Spanish uniforms, use Spanish equipment and, so far as the Monsignor is aware, are completely integrated into the Spanish armed forces. ...He expressed the belief to an Embassy officer that the Rumanian personnel in the Spanish Army are in contact with opposition guerrilla groups in Rumania.....</p> <p>[...Horia SIMA, the well-known Iron Guardist, came to Spain shortly after the Monsignor's arrival, seemingly for conversations with Rumanian exiles and Spanish officials and, although they did not then meet, the Monsignor gathered that SIMA was seeking to prepare the ground in such a way that the new Rumanian Mission would serve the ends of the Iron Guard.... This para. provides all officer material.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SECRET</b> THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOCUMENT.</p>			
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